28th January 1929]

A.—(a) Orders have been passed on some of the recommendations. The others are under consideration.

(b) A summary [a] of the orders passed is laid on the table.

(c) The Government have no information as to whether the Madras Branch has formulated any programme of propaganda work. In November 1927 the Council applied for a grant of Rs. 500 for propaganda purposes in connexion with venereal diseases. The Government refused the request as they considered that funds for the purpose should be allotted to the propaganda section which has been established in the office of the Director of Public Health.

(d) The Government have no information.

Action taken on the recommendations of the Indian Delegation of the British Social Hygiene Council.

* 1037-B Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to lay on the table a report of the action taken by Government on the recommendations made by the Indian Delegation of the British Social Hygiene Council for dealing with the problem of venereal diseases in Madras?

A.—A summary of the orders passed by the Government has been laid on the table in answer to question No. 1037-A.

Distribution and price of quinine.

* 1038-A Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) how much quinine has been distributed or is to be distributed in the year 1928–29, and in which taluks, and through which agencies;

(b) why there has been so much delay in carrying out the projected measure;

(c) at what price Government quinine is sold;

(d) what the market price of quinine of corresponding kind is, and if it is less than that of the Government quinine, how can the difference be accounted for;

(e) whether the Government quinine sold is issued by the Government of India or the Local Government, from which depot, and to which Government are the sale-proceeds credited; and

(f) what profit was made from such sale-proceeds in the years 1926–27 and 1927–28?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clauses (c) and (d) of question No. 106.

(b) The Superintendent, Government Press, had to make special covers, for making the pill packets and the first supply of 25,000 covers was made to the Superintendent of Prisons on 12th September 1928; the first instalment of supply of quinine packets to the Director of Public Health for distribution was made on 29th September 1928 and the distribution was started on 15th October 1928.

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 130–131 infra.